

9.1 Identifying Prejudice and Discrimination



What's in a Word or Symbol

Racism

Negative behaviour based on an incorrect assumption that one race is inherently superior to others

Discrimination

Unfair, actions directed against people based on their race, gender, ethnicity, language, faith or sexual orientation

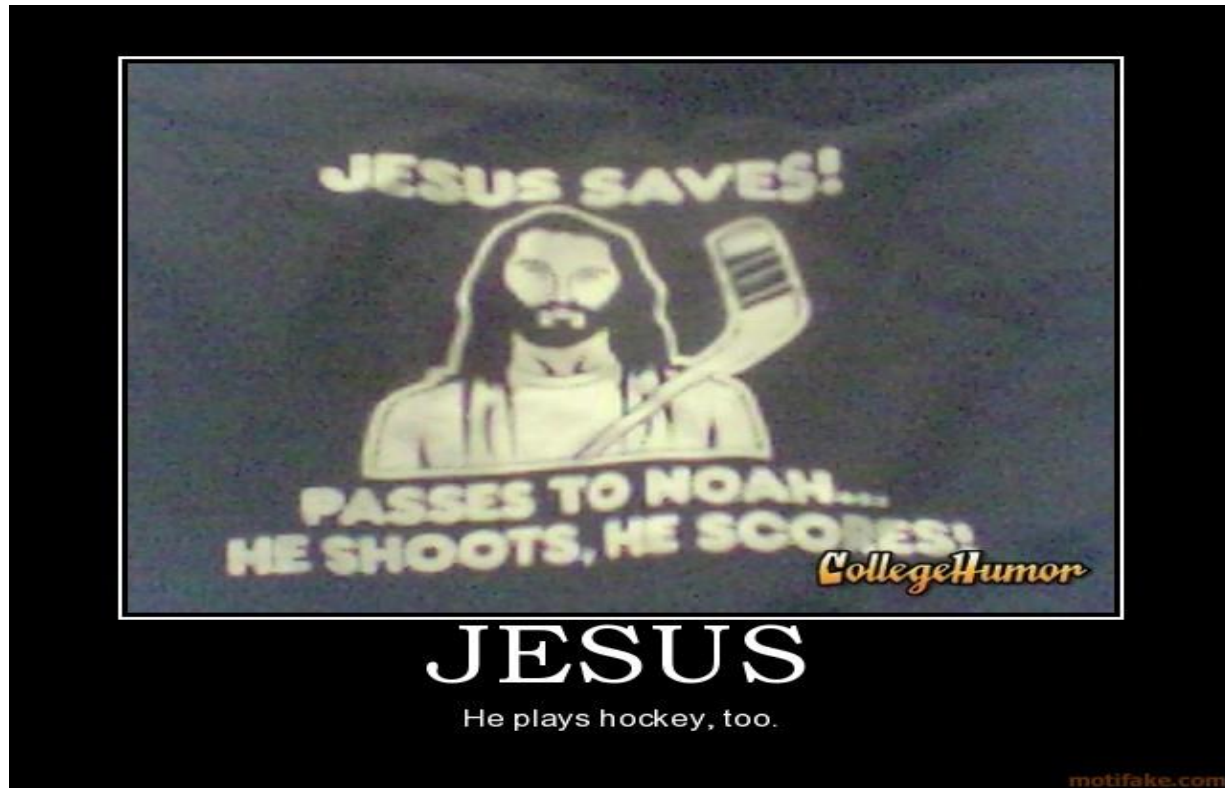
Mistaken Accusations

- See if you can find the mistakes in the following accusations by high school students
1. One girl says that she has been discriminated against because another girls doesn't like her
 2. Another student claims that the teacher is prejudiced in favour of all athletes in the class

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- Involve people who are outside the “mainstream of society” or outside “positions of power and authority”
- Disadvantage can be based on:

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Religious Affiliation

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Age



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Gender



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**Sexual
Preference**



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Race



RACISM

has many faces

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ETHNICITY

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 - 1968)

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- As we take in information, it is easy for us to form beliefs about particular groups in society.
- Once we apply these beliefs to individual members of a group, the beliefs are called stereotypes .
- For example, we can categorise individuals as

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“Babes”

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“Gays”

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“Jocks”

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“Nerds”

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- Then we can make either positive or negative judgements about these people as members of their group.
- Reinforcement of stereotypes can come from many sources including:

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FRIENDS

**Family and
Friends**

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- Prejudice emerges when stereotypes are negative or inaccurate in nature.
- Only when those who hold the stereotype have some power or authority can prejudice go to the next level, which is discrimination

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- At this point prejudices are acted upon to mistreat or deny rights to a member or members of what psychologist Gordon Allport called an “out-group”

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- S.L Wax
- “Greenberg” “Lockwood”
- Anti-Semitism

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Understanding Prejudice and Discrimination

- Paradigm

Passer By on the street- “Rules and Conditions”

IQ Testing: Discrimination???

- IQ tests are built upon a body of vocabulary and knowledge familiar to “mainstream” culture
- What about students from other races or cultures???

Genocide

- The ultimate form of discrimination
- “Ethnic Cleansing”
- http://www.encyclomedia.com/video-discovery_of_the_holocaust.html